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SUBJECT: BEATING OF RPP DEPUTY SELEYMAN GENC

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1. DURING COURSE OF IZMIR LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATION (REFTEL) MUCH PUBLICIZED FRACAS OCCURRED BETWEEN RPP DEPUTY AND FORMER IZMIR RPP YOUTH ORG PRES SULEYMAN GENC, SEVERAL COMPANIONS AND NUMBER OF ALLEGED MHP "COMMANDOS." ALTHOUGH PRESS VERSIONS VARY, FOLLOWING APPEARS ACTUAL OUTLINE OF EVENT, WHICH MAY BECOME RPP CAUSE CELEBRE.

2. GENC AND COMPANIONS WERE WALKING TOWARD PROCESSION

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NEAR BASMAHANE SQUARE WHEN, ACCORDING GENC, HE BECAME AWARE THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED. WHEN ONE OF FOLLOWERS TRIPPED HIM, GENC KNOCKED THE FELLOW DOWN, WHEREUPON THE GROUP (VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS SIX TO TEN) SET UPON GENC AND COMPANIONS. GENC SUFFERED CUT FACE AND ALI RIZA BODUR WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STABBED. PERSONS IN VICINITY INTERVENED IN GENC'S BEHALF AND

WHEN POLICE ARRIVED GENC HAD PINNED ONE OF THE ATTACKERS. AS POLICE ABOUT TO TAKE PARTY TO POLICE STATION, ANOTHER OF ALLEGED ASSAILANTS REMATERIALIZED AND SOUGHT REMOVE INCRIMINATING CHAIN FROM AROUND GENC'S PRISONER'S BELT. POLICE BOOKED THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO. BODUR TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

3. AS NOTED REFTEL, WORD OF ATTACK GOT AROUND AND RPP ACTIVISTS HAD TO BE PREVENTED BY THEIR LEADERS FROM ATTACKING MHP PARTISANS. LATER IN DAY, AS GENC AND COLLEAGUES WERE APPROACHING RPP HQS., A GROUP OF 30 MHP STALWARTS ASSAULTED THEM, BUT THIS WAS QUICKLY BORKEN UP BY POLICE. NOT CLEAR WHEATHER ANY ARRESTS MADE DURING THIS SKIRMISH.

4. GENC AND OTHER RPP SPOKESMAN HAVE ISSUED SERIES OF STATEMENTS ALLEGING POLICE WILFULLY FAILED COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE AND REFUSED ACT AGAINST ASSAILANTS. THEME HAS

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BEEN PLAYED WIDELY IN PRESS AND HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY RPP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN SYMPATHY CABLE FROM RPP SYG (EYUBGLU) WHICH REPORTEDLY/ACCUSES NATIONAL FRONT OF PROTECTING RIGHTIST COMMANDOS. IZMIR RPP PRES QUOTED IN PRESS AS DECLARING IF GOVT WON'T PROVIDE PROTECGION RPP WILL TAKE SELF-PROTECTIVE MEASURES. DENIZLI RPP ORGANIZATION HAS ALSO DECRIED INCIDENT. GIVEN IMMININT ARRIVAL OF ECEVIT IN IZMIR, THIS THEME APT GET FURTHER NATIONAL PUBLICITY.

5. GENC IS WELL KNOWN SCRAPPER, SENSATIONALIST AND POLITICAL/ACTIVIST. WHILE SOME-TIME STUDENT FEW YEARS AGO AT AEGEAN UNIVERSITY, HE SAID TO HAVE SINGLE HANDEDLY CLOSED DOWN CAMPUS AS STUDENT AGITATOR. POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO, IF NOT PROVEODED, INCIDENT AND HE WILL CERTAINLY NOT CONTRIBUTE TO CALMING OF TEMPERS. GRIBBLE

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